

Part 1 Introduction and Purpose

1 Purpose and Sources of Authority

A Handbook Purpose

--This handbook is designed to assist FSA and lenders in understanding:--

- regulations governing the Guaranteed Farm Loan Program
- roles and responsibilities in processing and servicing FSA-guaranteed loans.

B Sources of Authority

The sources of authority for this handbook include 7 CFR Part 762 and other Agency regulations that may be referenced throughout this handbook.

2 Related References

A FSA Farm Loan Officer Training Modules

FSA Farm Loan Officer Training Modules provide training modules and case studies on specific loan processing and servicing topics for FSA.

B National Internal Review Guide

The National Internal Review Guide is used to review the performance of district, county, and local credit offices with procedural and regulatory requirements.

*--C Websites

The FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> contains basic program information and updates for agency programs, including those covered by this handbook.

The FSA intranet website at <http://intranet.fsa.usda.gov> provides electronic access to some FSA handbooks and forms.

The USDA eForms website at <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov> contains downloadable Agency forms for use by the public.--*

2 Related References (Continued)

D Regulation References

This handbook is designed to accompany 7 CFR Part 762. Throughout this handbook are **regulation references and verbatim citations in bold text**. These references are intended to highlight the requirement spelled out in the regulation. In some instances, a regulation reference may be found at the beginning of a paragraph in parentheses. This reference will be the basis for information within that paragraph. Regulation references in brackets in front of blocks of text are for those blocks of text only. Not all parts of the regulations referenced in the text are highlighted.

*--E RD Instructions

RD Instructions about offset and debt settlement are listed in 1-AS, Exhibit 7, subparagraph B.--*

F Other Related FSA Handbooks

The following FSA handbooks concern FLP guaranteed loan programs.

IF the area of concern is about...	THEN see...
--appraisal reviews and FLP authorities	1-FLP.--
confidentiality	2-INFO.
employee conflict of interest	3-PM.
forms that cannot be accepted by FAX	1-CM.
maintenance of general and administrative files	25-AS.
Privacy Act	3-INFO.
--processing collections	3-FI.--
reports	20-AS.
reviews and appeals	1-APP

*--G State Supplements

Exhibit 4 lists State supplements required by this handbook.

SED's shall:

- issue required supplements, and any additional supplements, according to 1-AS, paragraph 216
- obtain approval of State supplements according to 1-AS, paragraph 220.--*

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